

Virginia Recruitment and Retention

Virginia SEARCH

Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH)

The SEARCH program provides health professions students and residents with opportunities to work on interdisciplinary health care teams. Currently, 22 states and U.S. territories offer SEARCH programs, extending a unique, hands-on, primary care training experience working with people in underserved rural and urban areas. Virginia SEARCH is a program of the Virginia Statewide Area Health Education Centers based at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Benefits for students and residents:

- Training in culturally diverse community-based systems of care
- Working with patients and communities to help them reach beneficial health decisions
- Learning about culturally competent, community-responsive health care
- Gaining skills in delivering primary health care services by working with mentors

Benefits for communities:

- Gaining access to academic resources
- Networking with State and regional organizations
- Assistance to develop and perform health promotion and disease prevention activities
- Recruitment of future health care clinicians
- Preceptorship opportunities for medical staff

Eligibility

To qualify for the SEARCH program, you must have started your training as a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, certified nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, or mental and behavioral health professionals, including health service psychologist, clinical social worker, licensed professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, and psychiatric nurse specialist. Students who have NHSC (National Health Service Corp) scholarships are given priority for the SEARCH program.

For an application, contact information or to learn more about Virginia SEARCH please go to www.vasearch.org

"Well I'm back in Michigan but just wanted to let you know that I had a wonderful time while on my rotation in White Stone. I've had a total of three family practice rotations, and this rotation by far was superior to the other two. I'm going to have to Allan Riggs recommend it to other students going through the PA program." *Linda Betley, Central Michigan University, June 2006.*



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